

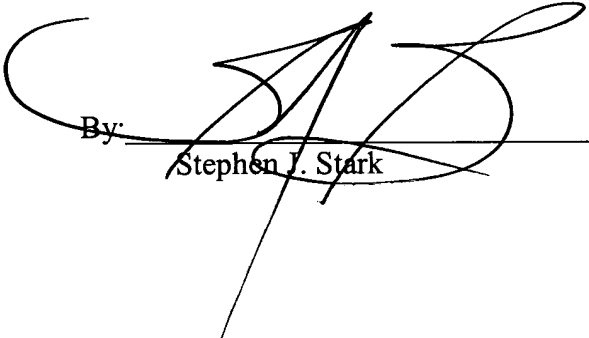
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For: Surgical Retractor Blade Assembly

Examiner: V. Johnson
Group A.U.: 3682

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Official Action dated January 12, 2004. Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked *** **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**
